Please replace claims 5, 16, 17, 19-21, and 23 with the following claims:

5. (four times amended) An image processing device comprising:

image processing means for executing image processing to move an object to different positions on a display means;

display means for displaying an image at an object display position based on the image processing;

contact means movably provided and brought into contact with said display means by the operation of a player;

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input means provided on a side of said display means and generating at least one signal for computing a contact position when said contact means is brought into contact with said display means, such that the strength of the at least one signal depends on the contact position;

position computing means for computing said contact position based on the at least one signal from the input means; and

determination means for determining whether a desired positional relationship is established between said contact position and said object display position based on a computed result;

wherein said image processing means provides prescribed image processing of said object when the determination means determines that the desired positional relationship has been established.

16. (four time amended) A method for processing images, comprising:

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executing image processing to move an object to different positions on a display;

displaying an image based on the step of executing image processing;

providing contact to a display by the operation of a player, and generating a signal for computing a contact position when the contact has been made with said display such that the strength of the signal depends on the contact position;

computing said contact position based on the signal; and

determining whether a desired positional relationship is established between said contact position and an object display position, wherein said executing step provides

prescribed image processing of said object when it has been determined that the desired positional relationship has been established.

17. (four times amended) A method for processing images, comprising:

executing image processing to move an object to different positions on a display;

displaying an image based on the image processing;

receiving a contact input when a player provides contact to a display;

generating a signal to compute a contact position when the contact has been made with said display such that the strength of the signal depends of the contact position;

computing said contact position based on the signal; and

determining whether a desired positional relationship is established between said contact position and an object display position, wherein said executing step provides prescribed image processing of said object when it has been determined that the desired positional relationship has been established.

19. (amended) A computer-readable medium encoded with instructions for directing a processor to:

execute image processing to move an object;

display an image based on the execution of image processing;

generate a signal for computing a contact position when contact occurs within a predetermined distance from the object such that the strength of the signal depends on the contact position;

compute the contact position based on the plurality of signals; and

determine whether a desired positional relationship is established between the contact position and an object display position, wherein the image processing provides prescribed image processing of said object when it has been determined that the desired positional relationship has been established.

20. (amended) A computer-readable medium encoded with instructions for

directing a processor to:

execute image processing to move an object;

display an image based on the image processing;

receive a contact input when contact occurs within a predetermined distance from the image;

generating a signal to compute a contact position when receiving the contact input; compute the contact position based on the signal such that the strength of the signal depends on the contact position; and

determine whether a desired positional relationship is established between the contact position and an object display position, wherein the image processing provides prescribed image processing of the object when it has been determined that the desired positional relationship has been established.

21. (amended) An image processing system comprising:

an image processing module for performing image processing for moving an object to different positions on a display module;

a display module for causing the display of an image based on the image processing performed by the image processing module;

a contact input module provided on a side of said display module for receiving a contact input when contact occurs within a predetermined distance from the object and for generating a signal to compute a contact position when receiving the contact input such that the strength of the signal depends on the contact position; and

a determiner module for determining whether a desired positional relationship is established between the contact position and an object display position, wherein the image processing module provides prescribed image processing of the object when it has been determined that the desired positional relationship has been established.

23. (three times amended) An image processing device comprising:

an image processor for executing image processing to move an object to different positions on a display;

a display for displaying an image based on the image processing;

a contact unit movably provided and brought into contact with the display;

an input module provided on a side of the display for generating a position indicating signal when the contact unit is brought into contact with the display at a contact position such that the strength of the position indicating signal depends on the contact position;

a position module for computing the contact position based on the position indicating signal generated by the input module; and

a determiner module for determining whether a desired positional relationship is established between the contact position and an object display position, where said image processor provides prescribed image processing of the object when the desired positional relationship has been established.